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Dear Sir:

As authorized by 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1)(i-iv) and by MPEP §201.06(c), the applicants have filed herewith a copy of the original Declaration and a new specification that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application. The accompanying new specification differs from the original specification for parent application Serial No. 09/993,934 in the following ways:

- 1) Paragraph numbers have been used in place of line numbers pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.52(b)(6).
- The amendment to the specification filed in the parent application on 2) April 23, 2003 has been entered.

- 3) A claim to priority of the parent application has been added in the first paragraph.
- 4) The drawing correction filed in the parent application on April 23, 2003 is included in the drawing submitted herewith.
- 5) Present claims 1-52 have been substituted for the original claims. The claims that now appear in the application have the following status:

Claims 1-27. (Reinstated – formerly parent application claims 1-27)

Claims 28-31 (Reinstated from preliminary amendment filed June 21, 2002)

Claims 32-36 (Newly added)

Claims 37-42 (Reinstated from preliminary amendment filed June 21, 2002 formerly numbered as claims 39-44)

Claim 43-52 (Newly added)

6) The Summary Of The Invention has been changed to reflect the claims now appearing in the application.

The applicants' corrected specification is provided to take advantage of the provisional rights potentially available to the applicants under 35 U.S.C. §154(d). The applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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